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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on January 15, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on Page 5, line 12 and ending on Page 5, line 20 as follows:

As shown, leading edge portions 206, 208 and trailing edge portion 212 include an elevated SLIP interface 220, 222, 224 facing the disc surface as illustrated schematically, which cooperatively form the dynamically imbalanced SLIP interface 202-1 having a predicted tipped interface 204-1 at trailing edge portion 210. The predicted tipped interface 204-1 includes a textured interface surface 226 to provide a tribological surface for stiction control as shown schematically. Thus, for contact starts and stops, the supported slider 200-1 tips toward the predicted tipped interface 204-1 at trailing edge portion 210 of the slider 200-1.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on Page 5, line 21 and